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PLEADING AND PRACTICE IN ACTIONS AT COMMON LAW, by Martin P. Burks. Second Edition by C. H. Morrisett. (Charlottesville, Va.: Surber-Arundale Company, Inc., 1921, pp. LXXXVI, 1150.)

This book is one that needs no introduction to the profession. In spite of the many books steadily pouring forth from the press in the effort to give the lawyer more adequate equipment, we do not believe there is any that compares with Burks' for its value to the student, lawyer and teacher, wherever Common Law pleading is in use. We are confident that in this Commonwealth and the sister State of West Virginia there is no text book more used by trial lawyers and judges. Its place has been on, or near, the desk, and though first published in 1913, it will usually be found the most worn book in any library; but since the innumerable changes and additions made in our statute law since 1912, the many decisions since that time, and more particularly the many changes made by our Code of 1919, a new edition has become imperative. Where is the Virginia lawyer, who has used the first edition since the Code of 1919 was published, who has not longed for a new edition? Now that it is here, it is with some trepidation that one takes up the book when he notices it is by a new author, but it is with pleasure and satisfaction that he lays it down after a careful study. Mr. Morrisett, the author, is exceedingly well fitted for this work, having studied law under Judge Burks and later become associated with him and the other revisors of the Code of 1919, the annotations of which are entirely by Mr. Morrisett. His thorough knowledge of the many and important changes in our statute law is shown by the second edition of Burks' Pleading and Practice. Every change in the law has been carefully noted. The old notes have been enlarged and new notes added; but while the text is changed where necessary, no change has been made with any loss in the qualities which made the first edition famous, and since the citations are now to the new Code it is therefore invaluable to the Virginia lawyer. The index is entirely new and a great improvement on the old. It enables one to lay his finger on what is wanted within a minute after taking up the book. If we published this work we would send it anywhere on approval and be sure it would never come back.

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THE NATURE AND SOURCES OF THE LAW, by John C. Gray, late Royal Professor of Law in Harvard University. Second Edition from the author's notes by Roland Gray. (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1921, pp. xviii, 348.)

The material for this volume, which was first published in 1909, originally consisted of lectures given at Columbia University by Professor Gray. The book owes its republication to the desire of the author to present his work in such a form that it would reach and appeal to a larger number of readers. At the time of his death six years